

Technology Steering Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Friday September 9, 2005 10:00am

Calvin Rampton Building, Large Conference Room

Attendance:

Jake Hunt (UCAN) Jon Tait (Motorola) Doug Chandler (State ITS) Bryan Low (Logan PD) Floyd Ritter (State ITS) Glen Murray (Tooele County) Forrest Roagr (Millard Co.) Randy Auman (Logan City) Nancy McConnell (State ITS) Shawn Bennett (North Park PD) Boyd Webb (State ITS) Dennis Spraggins (Cache County SO) Mark Alexander (Logan City) Phil Titus (KUED) Tim Cornia (DPS) Steve Carver (National Guard) David Nance (Tremonton PD) *Jeff Dial

* Teleconferenced

Conducting: Jake Hunt

I. Approval of Minutes

The June 2005 minutes were approved without change.

II. OmniLink

Jake Hunt and Doug Chandler led a discussion on OmniLink.

- Spanish Fork incident with truck explosion good training experience. Price Dispatch had vehicles on the West side of the crater and Utah County had vehicles on the East side of the crater. Utah County had coverage off the UCAN network off of Teat Peak, their coverage was fine. Price Dispatch was relaying telephone calls up to the TOC in Salt Lake to the officers in the field probably off of Lake Mountain off of the VHF system.
- Two issues:
 - 1. Dispatch centers don't know how to use it (OmniLink), or what it can do.
 - 2. We aren't sure how to program its capabilities.
- Jake has done a lot of research. There are a significant amount of 800 talk groups that all Dispatch centers have access to; regional channels, event channels, and others.
- Floyd explained that Teat Mountain is not available in Price. They are bridged between Dispatch centers. It's a common bridge, so it's a patch between all other Dispatch centers.
- Jake went through the scenarios, one of the ways it could have been accomplished is if Price would have patched over to an event channel. They were working the incident on the wrong channel. If they would have patched Ford Ridge to whatever channel (the right channel) they were on (they were on the wrong channel to begin with) they would have been talking together.
- A discussion went back and forth about event channels and how they work.
- Jake then suggested having a single point of contact for patches and a common way of doing patches. Doug suggested setting up a policy and procedure on how to do the patching correctly. Someone suggested having a Regional training at the Dispatch centers.

III. Broadband

Doug spoke about broadband infrastructure (streaming video) and asked who would be interested. Several agencies just want speeds of practicality, like running plates and warrants. There was some discussion on whether we're planning for now, or 10 years from now.

IV. Mobile Data

Nancy spoke about the progress of the statewide Mobile Data network. There are 13 sites and base stations online. They cover I-15 South, Southwest, the Wasatch Front (a good portion), Box Elder, and the first conversion of a 450 site at Logan Peak. The same number of base stations is set to go in before the snow flies. This includes the Tooele migration from 450.

There will be a beta test on the 64k upgrade in October. Nancy is going to follow up to see if they are on schedule. Issues were discussed about IP Mobile Net when they were here in August. Some of the issues discussed were them shipping out damaged items, they weren't shipping out enough units fast enough, and 64k issues.

Doug pointed out that if we upgrade to 64k, the bases will still talk even if you are only getting 33 and if you are getting close enough to 64 it will just up to 64k. Nancy asked if there was an interest in a user's group meeting.

There was some discussion about putting together a committee to draft some legislation to get some sponsorship for appropriation to get rid of user fees on the mobile data system (have the legislature fund the network). Many local agencies don't need the statewide coverage and feel they could do something cheaper and faster on their own, with coverage limited to their own geographic areas of responsibility. These agencies feel they are supporting the network when it's not in their own financial best interest to do so. There was some interest in moving forward with this.

V. Vendor Presentation – Motorola Mobile Video Enforcer

VI. Next Meeting

November 17, 2005 10:00 am UHP Large Conference Room 4501 S. 2700 W.

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